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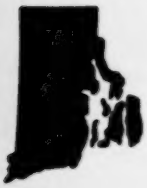

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 394,100 IN JANUARY

Overall employment in Rhode Island declined in January as a result of sharp seasonal decreases in the Trade, Services, and Jewelry/Silverware sectors of the State's economy, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 394,100 in January. While this figure represents a loss of 6,400 jobs from the December level of 400,500, it is 14,400 above the January 1983 total of 379,700.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates for 1982 and 1983 have been revised to a first quarter 1983 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, as well as non-covered establishments, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1982-1983.

In addition, due to classification changes mandated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment, hours, and earnings data for the Jewelry/Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing industries have been shifted from the Nondurable Goods to the Durable Goods sector.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island declined by 1,600 in January to a level of 116,500. This figure, however, represents a gain of 5,700 over the total of 110,800 reported in January 1983. In the Durable Goods sector, the January employment

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
Total Placements	1,272	1,112	647
New Applications	3,999	2,636	3,784
New Openings Rec'd.	2,710	2,093	1,722

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	% Change Dec.1983
Initial Claims	12,423	20,726	- 40.1
No. of Payments	75,154	50,957	+ 47.5
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,312,480	$ 5,575,097	+ 49.1
Exhaustions	1,259	1,170	+ 7.6

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983
Initial Claims	1,380	1,661
No. of Payments	12,567	14,708
Amount of Payments	$ 1,284,185	$ 1,546,084

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	477.3	477.2	473.5
Unemployment	38.2	32.2	53.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.0	6.7	11.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.2	7.0	10.2

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	481.7	482.0	476.7
Unemployment	33.3	30.2	48.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	6.3	10.1

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	36,705	37,190	33,390
Unemployment	2,030	1,990	2,025
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	5.4	6.1

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	15,110	15,145	14,555
Unemployment	1,035	920	1,190
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.1	8.2

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through September 30, 1984. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
OTAL EMPLOYMENT*	394.1	400.5	379.7	-6,400	+14,400
ANUFACTURING	116.5	118.1	110.8	-1,600	+ 5,700
ONMANUFACTURING	277.6	282.4	268.9	-4,800	+ 8,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.2	11.8	9.6	- 600	+ 1,600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.2	13.3	13.1	- 100	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	83.0	85.1	78.6	-2,100	+ 4,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.3	21.3	21.3	-	-
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	91.9	93.5	89.1	-1,600	+ 2,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.0	57.4	57.2	- 400	- 200

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Farmers. Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
NDUSTRY GROUP	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1983
LL MANUFACTURING	116.5	118.1	110.8	- 1600	+5700	$274.40	$ 263.55	39.2	38.7	$7.00	$ 6.81
URABLE GOODS	78.9	79.9	74.8	- 1000	+4100	277.29	269.58	38.3	38.9	7.24	6.93
UMBER/FURNITURE	2.6	2.6	2.4	0	+ 200	275.80	230.74	38.9	33.2	7.09	6.95
TONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.1	2.2	1.7	- 100	+ 400	366.21	389.45	40.6	35.0	9.02	8.27
RIMARY METALS	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 100	343.21	316.92	41.4	41.7	8.29	7.60
ABRICATED METALS	9.1	9.1	8.8	0	+ 300	238.26	236.22	36.1	37.2	6.60	6.35
ON-ELECTRIC MACH.	6.4*	6.5*	6.4*	- 100	0	371.54	340.17	41.1	38.7	9.04	8.79
LECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.2	11.2	10.6	0	+ 600	288.98	266.64	41.7	42.8	6.93	6.23
RANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.1	9.1	8.4	0	+ 700	385.52	403.09	39.5	42.7	9.76	9.44
ISTRUMENTS	4.8	4.7	4.6	+ 100	+ 200	302.43	288.15	41.6	41.7	7.27	6.91
EWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.5	23.5	21.1	- 1000	+1400	192.78	199.09	35.9	36.8	5.37	5.41
ISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.1	5.0	4.7	+ 100	+ 400	232.84	172.06	34.7	28.3	6.71	6.08
ONDURABLE GOODS	37.6	38.2	36.0	- 600	+1600	269.66	256.47	39.8	38.8	6.95	6.61
OOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.4	3.1	- 100	+ 200	196.28	232.71	33.9	37.9	5.79	6.14
EXTILES	10.8	11.1	10.5	- 300	+ 300	263.08	240.59	41.3	40.3	6.37	5.97
PPAREL	3.3	3.4	3.0	- 100	+ 300	228.31	211.38	38.5	39.0	5.93	5.42
APER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.5	2.3	- 100	+ 100	252.95	255.64	39.4	41.1	6.42	6.22
RINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.7	5.7	0	0	373.63	307.44	37.4	33.6	9.99	9.15
HEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.1	3.0	- 100	0	354.18	344.06	37.4	40.1	9.47	8.58
UBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0	309.23	299.40	43.8	43.9	7.06	6.82
LASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.0	4.7	0	+ 300	273.74	262.02	38.5	39.7	7.11	6.60
EATHER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.7	2.4	+ 100	+ 400	179.86	174.42	35.9	38.0	5.01	4.59

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total of 78,900 was down 1,000 from the December level, but was 4,100 above the total recorded a year ago this month. The Nondurable Goods level of 37,600 was 600 below December, but was up 1,600 over January 1983.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly decreases were posted in Jewelry/Silverware (-1,000), Stone-Clay-Glass (-100) and Nonelectrical Machinery (-100). Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing both reported a monthly addition of 100 jobs. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their December employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest increase was posted in Jewelry/Silverware (+1,400), followed by Transportation Equipment (+700) and Electrical Machinery (+600). Also up from the year ago level were Stone-Clay-Glass and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+400 each), Fabricated Metals (+300), and Lumber/Furniture and Instruments (+200 each). Primary Metals was the only Durable Goods industry experiencing an annual job loss (-100). Nonelectrical Machinery employment remained unchanged from January 1983.

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, Textiles registered the largest monthly decline (-300). Food-Beverage, Apparel, Paper Products and Chemical Products were each down by 100 jobs. The only monthly employment increase was recorded in Leather Products (+100). The remaining industries in Nondurable Goods were unchanged from the previous month. Compared to last January, the largest advance was reported in Leather Products (+400), followed by job gains of 300 each in Textiles, Apparel, and Plastics Products. Also up from a year earlier were Food-Beverage (+200) and Paper Products (+100). The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their January 1983 employment levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries decreased 4,800 jobs from December to January, primarily due to seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Services. However, the January total of 277,600 was 8,700 above the January 1983 level of 268,900.

Wholesale and Retail Trade reflected reducted post-holiday activity as it declined by 2,100 jobs from December to a level of 83,000. This figure, however, represents an annual increase of 4,400 from January 1983. Also reporting a sizable seasonal drop was the Services industry, which fell 1,600 jobs to 91,900, but this was a gain of 2,800 from one year ago in January. While Contract Construction employment was down 600 from December to 11,200 this month, the current level was still 1,600 higher than last January. Government declined 400 monthly and 200 annually, to a total of 57,000. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment, at 21,300, remained unchanged on both a monthly and an annual basis. Although Transportation and Public Utilities decreased by 100 jobs from December, its January total of 13,200 was 100 higher than the year earlier figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers decreased by 1 cent to $7.00 in January, but were up 19 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week declined by 1.5 hours in January to 39.2 — still, however, 0.5 of an hour more than was reported in this month last year. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $274.40 in January. This represents a decrease of $10.91 compared to the December level, but was $10.85 higher than the one year ago figure.

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